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Expressing the sense of the Senate with regard to the importance of Women's Health Week, which promotes awareness of diseases that affect women and which encourages women to take preventive measures to ensure good health.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2006

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas women of all backgrounds have the power to greatly reduce their risk of common diseases through preventive measures such as a healthy lifestyle and frequent medical screenings;

Whereas significant disparities exist in the prevalence of disease among women of different backgrounds, including women with disabilities, African American women, Asian/Pacific Islander women, Latinas, and American Indian/Alaska Native women;

Whereas since healthy habits should begin at a young age, and preventive care saves Federal dollars designated to health care, it is important to raise awareness among women and girls of key female health issues;

Whereas National Women’s Health Week begins on Mother’s Day annually and celebrates the efforts of national and community organizations working with partners and volunteers to improve awareness of key women’s health issues; and

Whereas in 2006, the week of May 14 through May 20, is dedicated as the National Women’s Health Week: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the importance of preventing dis-
3 eases that commonly affect women;

4 (2) calls on the people of the United States to
5 use Women’s Health Week as an opportunity to
6 learn about health issues that face women;

7 (3) calls on the women of the United States to
8 observe National Women’s Check-Up Day on Mon-
9 day, May 15, 2006, by receiving preventive
10 screenings from their health care providers; and

11 (4) recognizes the importance of federally fund-
12 ed programs that provide research and collect data
13 on common diseases in women and highlight racial
14 disparities in the rates of these diseases.

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